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Name_____

Address_____ Age_____

Town_____ State_____

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HE WALKS WITH A GHOST!

YOUR NAME IS BARNEY GRILL AND YOU'RE A NO-GOOD, MEAN, BULLYING HOODLUM! THE EVENING IT ALL HAPPENED YOU'RE LURKING IN A DARK ALLEY, WAITING...

IT'S AN OLD, WELL-DRESSED GENTLEMAN, OUT FOR SOME EVENING AIR, BUT HIS AGE DOESN'T BOTHER YOU! LIKE A PREDATORY BEAST OF PREY YOU STRIKE!

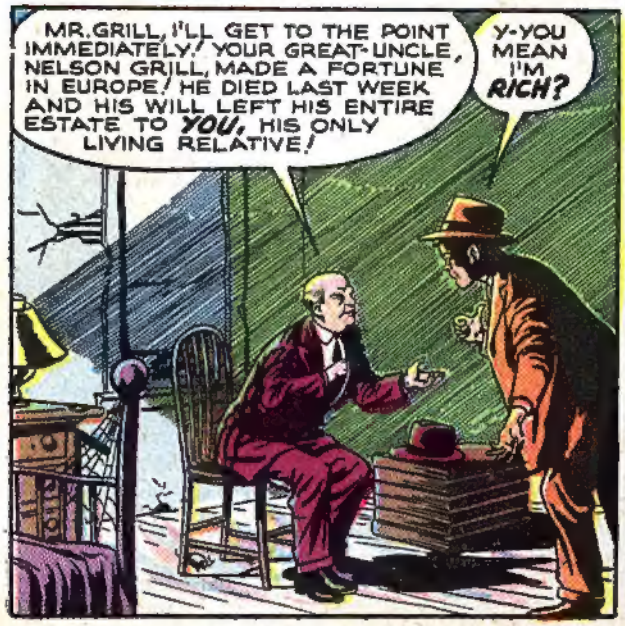
IT ONLY TAKES YOUR EXPERIENCED FINGERS A FEW SHORT SECONDS TO HEIST YOUR VICTIM'S WALLET...

AND THEN, WITHOUT EVEN BOTHERING TO STOP TO SEE WHETHER YOU'RE LEAVING HIM ALIVE OR DEAD, YOU RACE AWAY INTO THE SHADOWS LIKE A FRIGHTENED RAT!

BUT WHEN YOU REACH YOUR TENEMENT HIDE-OUT, A HAND LASHES OUT, GRASPING YOUR SHOULDER...

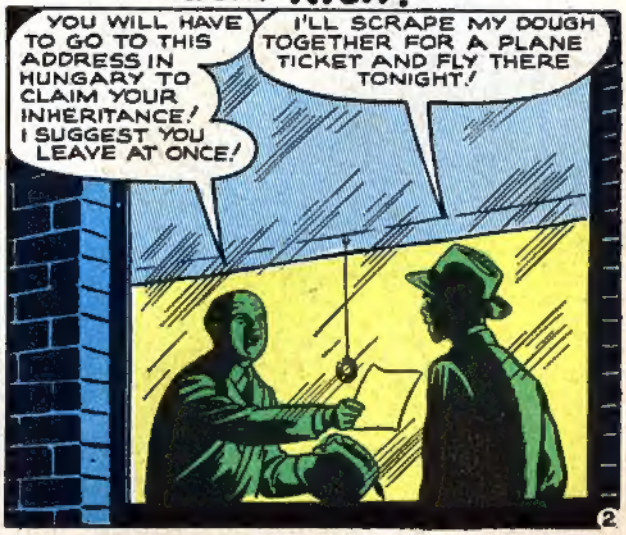
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR ALIBI OR YOUR LACK OF ONE! MY NAME IS SANFORD SMYTHE...I'M A LAWYER...I SUGGEST WE GO TO YOUR ROOM!
HUH? YEAH... OKAY!

AS YOU WALK TO YOUR ROOM WITH SMYTHE, YOU TRY TO GUESS WHAT A BIG-TIME LAWYER WOULD WANT TO SEE YOU FOR... BUT YOU CAN'T!


MR. GRILL, I'LL GET TO THE POINT IMMEDIATELY! YOUR GREAT-UNCLE, NELSON GRILL, MADE A FORTUNE IN EUROPE! HE DIED LAST WEEK AND HIS WILL LEFT HIS ENTIRE ESTATE TO YOU, HIS ONLY LIVING RELATIVE!
Y-YOU MEAN I'M RICH?

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT IT'S TRUE! YOU WON'T HAVE TO BE A PETTY THUG ANY MORE TO SCROUNGE OUT A LIVING! YOU'RE RICH!

RICH! RICH!


YOU WILL HAVE TO GO TO THIS ADDRESS IN HUNGARY TO CLAIM YOUR INHERITANCE! I SUGGEST YOU LEAVE AT ONCE!
I'LL SCRAPE MY DOUGH TOGETHER FOR A PLANE TICKET AND FLY THERE TONIGHT!

AFTER THE LAWYER LEAVES, YOU OPEN YOUR MATTRESS AND TAKE OUT THE CONTENTS...
THIS DOUGH, PLUS WHAT I STOLE TONIGHT WILL BE JUST ENOUGH!
TWENTY MINUTES LATER YOU'RE AT THE LOCAL AIRPLANE TICKET OFFICE...
I WANT A TICKET ON THE FIRST PLANE HEADED TOWARDS HUNGARY!
THE PLANE RIDE IS SHORT, BUT IT SEEMS TO LAST FOREVER...
I CAN'T WAIT TO GET MY HANDS ON THAT DOUGH! IT MUST BE MILLIONS!
AND FINALLY YOU WALK DOWN THE PORTABLE STAIRS TO SET FOOT ON HUNGARIAN SOIL!
AT LAST! NOW TO GO TO THIS ADDRESS!
AT THE ADDRESS THE LAWYER GAVE YOU, YOU ARE WARMLY RECEIVED...THEN FINGERPRINTED!
FORGIVE US FOR THIS, HERR GRILL, BUT WE MUST BE SURE YOU ARE THE RIGHT MAN! AFTER ALL, A FORTUNE IS INVOLVED!
SURE, SURE, I UNDERSTAND! HURRY 'N GET IT OVER WITH! I AIN'T GOT FOREVER!
THE PRINTS CHECK! YOU ARE THE RIGHT MAN!
COME, I WILL DRIVE YOU TO YOUR ESTATE, MEIN HERR!
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!
AFTER DRIVING PAST THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE LITTLE HUNGARIAN TOWN, YOU COME TO A HUGE, THOUSAND ACRE ESTATE! AND YOU HEAR THE WORDS YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR...
HERE IT IS, HERR GRILL! YOUR ESTATE! I HOPE YOU ARE PLEASED WITH IT!
IT'LL DO!
IT STILL HAS ALL THE CHARM AND QUAINTNESS OF THE OLD WORLD! NOTE THIS QUIET LITTLE CEMETERY ON YOUR PROPERTY.. SO SILENT, SO PEACEFUL..
SO WHAT!? I HATE CEMETERIES! I'LL HAVE THIS DUG UP AND PUT A SWIMMING POOL HERE INSTEAD!
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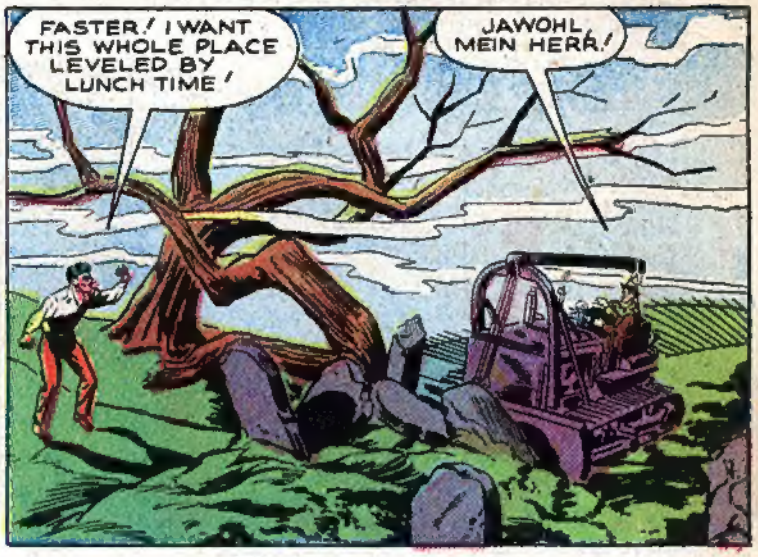
YOU CAN'T, MEIN HERR! THIS CEMETERY HAS BEEN HERE FOR GENERATIONS! IT'S PART OF OUR TRADITION! YOU CAN'T DO AWAY WITH IT!
IT'S MY LAND, AIN'T IT? I INHERITED IT, DIDN'T I? AND WHAT I SAY GOES! YOU CAN KISS THAT CEMETERY GOOD-BYE RIGHT NOW!

THE NEXT MORNING, A BULL-DOZER GOES TO WORK IN THE CEMETERY! YOU'LL SHOW THOSE FOREIGNERS THAT THEY CAN'T PUSH YOU AROUND!



AND AFTER THE BULL-DOZER, THE TRACTOR COMES TO TOW AWAY THE TOMBSTONES..

THEN, FINALLY, THE HUGE POWER SHOVEL ARRIVES, TO DIG THE FOUNDATION FOR THE SWIMMING POOL!

BUT THEN IT HAPPENS! INSTEAD OF JUST COMING UP WITH DIRT AND STONES, THE SHOVEL DIGS UP...

YOU WATCH THE SHOVEL OPERATOR LEAVE HIS MACHINE AND RACE AWAY TOWARD TOWN! YOU SNEER AT HIS FEAR. AND THEN YOU GET AN IDEA!

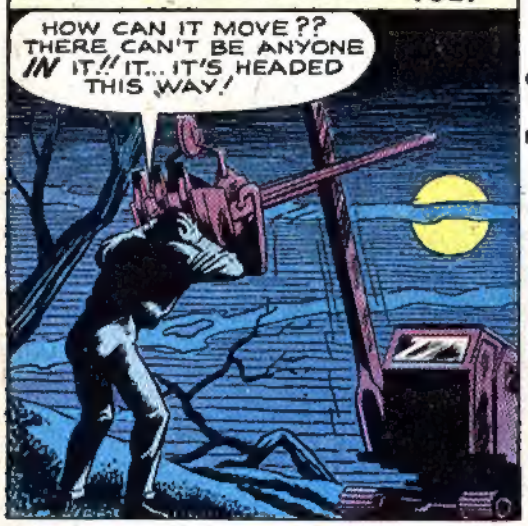
YOU ENTER THE CAB AND START THE MOTOR! THE CONTROLS ARE EASY TO LEARN... /YOU FIND YOU'RE ACTUALLY ENJOYING IT... AND THE SOUND OF THE BONES AND SKULLS BEING GNASHED IS PLEASANT TO YOUR EARS!

BUT AFTER A FEW MINUTES OF WORKING IN THE HOT CAB OF THE POWER SHOVEL, YOU GROW TIRED! YOU SHUT OFF THE MOTOR AND SIT DOWN UNDER A TREE TO REST FOR A MINUTE... AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, YOU'RE ASLEEP!

DAY TURNS TO TWILIGHT, AND TWILIGHT TO EVENING, BUT STILL YOU SLEEP...

UNTIL FINALLY YOU'RE AWAKENED BY THE SOUND OF A MACHINE... *THE POWER SHOVEL!*

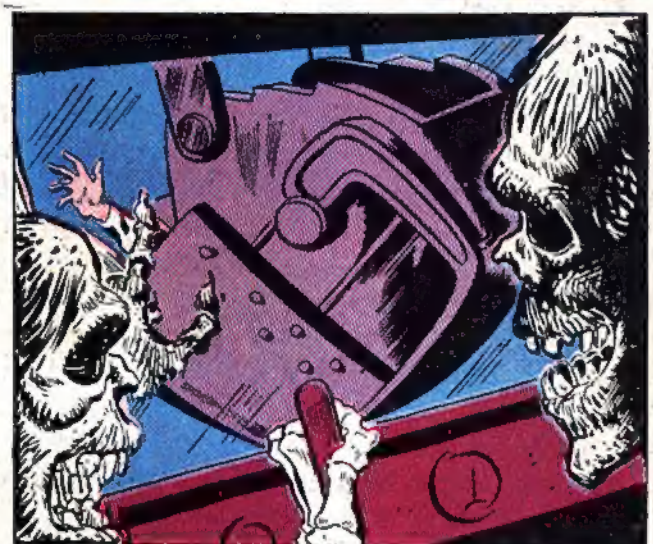
YOUR BREATH CHOKES UP IN YOUR THROAT AS YOU REALIZE THAT THE SHOVEL IS HEADING TOWARD *YOU!*



ITS HUGE STEEL TEETH ARE GLISTENING IN THE MOONLIGHT AS IT BENDS DOWN TOWARD YOU, LIKE AN EVIL GIANT WITH AN EVER-HUNGRY, WIDE-OPEN MOUTH!

YOU CAN RUN NO FURTHER! YOU STOP, BREATHLESS, AGAINST A TREE... HOPING THE SHOVEL WILL STOP, OR TURN AWAY...

BUT THEN YOU FINALLY SEE WHO IS IN THE CONTROL CAB, AND REALIZE THE SHOVEL WON'T STOP IN TIME... FOR *THEY* WON'T LET IT!



SO THE CORPSES REALLY GOT THE BEST OF IT! FOR **THEY** WERE **DEAD** WHEN THE SHOVEL BIT THEM... BUT *YOU...*

ATLAS DON'T MISS "**MENACE!**" THE NEWEST, MOST UNUSUAL MAGAZINE EVER PRINTED! ATLAS

COME INTO MY PARLOR

NEWSBOYS stood on the corners yelling the headlines they carried under their arms.

"Extra! Extra!" Their high voices rang through the still night air. "Read-all-about-it! *Giant spider claims two more victims!* Extra! Extra!"

For a month, the large western city had been terrorized like a single helpless fly in the web of the spider. Experts had been called in from various parts of the country to examine the women and men who had fallen prey to what was believed to be a spider of unusual size, strength — and intelligence. The bodies examined by special investigator Mark Matthews showed bruises across the chest and extremities, broken bones, and a lump on the neck where the marks of the bite still remained.

"Well, what do you make of it, Mark?" Police Commissioner Davies asked the young criminologist.

"Frankly, Mac, I don't know. There are no spiders of a type that could cause a bite like this in this part of the world. My guess is that some maniac has conceived this diabolical method of attacking and killing his victims. Just how, I don't know, but I'm going to find out. Don't release anything to the papers yet."

"O. K. Mark, this is your fight now. I don't mind telling you it's a relief to have you here. This thing has had us completely baffled."

"I wish I could offer more, but at the moment, I have a hunch many more innocent people will die before we find the answer to these ghastly murders."

As though Mark Matthews' premonition reached out into the foggy night and took shape, a woman screamed as the shadow of a giant spider fell across the deserted street where she walked. She dropped the bags of groceries she carried in her arms and started to run. But she succeeded in covering just a short distance before she felt the fragile unseen web against her skin. Fighting to release her arms and legs like a drowning person, the web tightened around her body until she lay half horizontally, as though suspended in space, in the spider's web. There was no sound as the huge fuzzy legs crept upon the net towards its victim, for Mrs. Kilpatric had fainted.

The next morning Mark Matthews arrived with the police ambulance to remove the remains to the city morgue for examination.

"How horrible!" he mumbled, so deeply moved he could barely speak. "These atrocities must stop. I've got to do something!"

The coroner pronounced the grey-haired matron had met her death by poisoning, injected into the neck by a bite.

Mark Matthews heard the coroner's diagnosis, smashed his hat on his head and turned toward the swinging glass doors.

"Hey, in case someone wants you, where'll you be?" Detective Frank Gallager called after Matthews' coattails. Gallager had been assigned on the case to be Matthews' personal body-guard and assistant, and he intended to fulfill his duties to the letter.

"Museum of Natural History!" he called back over his shoulder.

"What for?" Gallager said, scratching his head in bewilderment.

"To talk to a spider!" Matthews replied and disappeared.

"Maybe this case is too much for 'im. Sounds like he's crackin' up," Gallager said to the others. Then remembering he ought to be tailing the prize investigator, he grabbed his hat and made a hasty exit from the morgue.

Gallager caught up with Matthews in front of a glass case containing several large tarantula spiders.

"Hum-m-m," Matthews said and lighted his pipe.

CONTINUED BEFORE LAST STORY

IF IT SLIPS... IF IT CHAFES... IF IT GRIPES... THEN

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Why put up with days . . . months . . . YEARS of discomfort, worry, and fear—if we provide you with the support you want and need? Learn NOW about this perfected truss-invention for most forms of reducible rupture. Surely you keenly desire . . . you eagerly CRAVE to enjoy most of life's activities and pleasures once again. To work . . . to play . . . to live . . . to love . . . with the haunting fear of Rupture lessened in your thoughts! Literally *thousands* of Rupture sufferers *have* entered this *Kingdom of Paradise Regained* . . . have worn our Appliance without the slightest inconvenience. Perhaps we can do as much for you. Some wise man said, "Nothing is impossible in this world"—and it is true, for where other trusses have failed is where we have had our greatest success in many cases! Even doctors—thousands of them—have ordered for themselves and their patients. Unless your case is absolutely hopeless *do not despair*. The coupon below brings our Free Rupture Book in plain envelope. Send the coupon now.

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"I want to *thank* you very much for what your *wonderful* belt has done for my boy. He had a bad rupture. The very day we received the Appliance I put it on and that was the end of my troubles with his pain and crying. He has not worn it for about a year now."—Otto F. Blian, 1500 N. Church, Belleville, Ill.

SOFT BALL PLAYER A BROOKS BOOSTER

"I ordered an Appliance some time back and it really does the job. I'm 38 years old, weight 200 lbs. Play 3rd base on our Soft Ball team. I really give the belt a real test. Thought I would have to give up my ball playing but not now with your rupture belt. Most people won't believe I have a rupture."—Wilbur Moritz, General Mdse., Jacob, Ill.

"IT'S TOPS"

"Words cannot express my feeling towards my Appliance. The minute I put it on, my first words were, 'It's Tops!' I hope another who suffers from such agony of a rupture could take my advice and get a Brooks Air Cushion Appliance."—Jack Sonnier, R1, Box 54A, Lafeyette, La.

"DID EVERYTHING YOU CLAIMED"

"I am very happy to say that the truss which I purchased from you a little over a year ago did everything you claimed it would do. My rupture does not come down even though I wear the truss only part time. I shall be glad to tell anyone afflicted as I was what your Appliance did for me."—J. C. Rollinger, 242 Arlington Ave., Sarasota, Fla.

"FORGETS HE IS RUPTURED"

"I had this rupture seven years before I knew of your support, and was in the hospital at the time my son ordered the support for me. Until I started wearing your support I had not found anything to help me. Since wearing your support I can do all my work, and can forget that I am ruptured."—G. B. Russell, Box 106, Cherokee, Ala.

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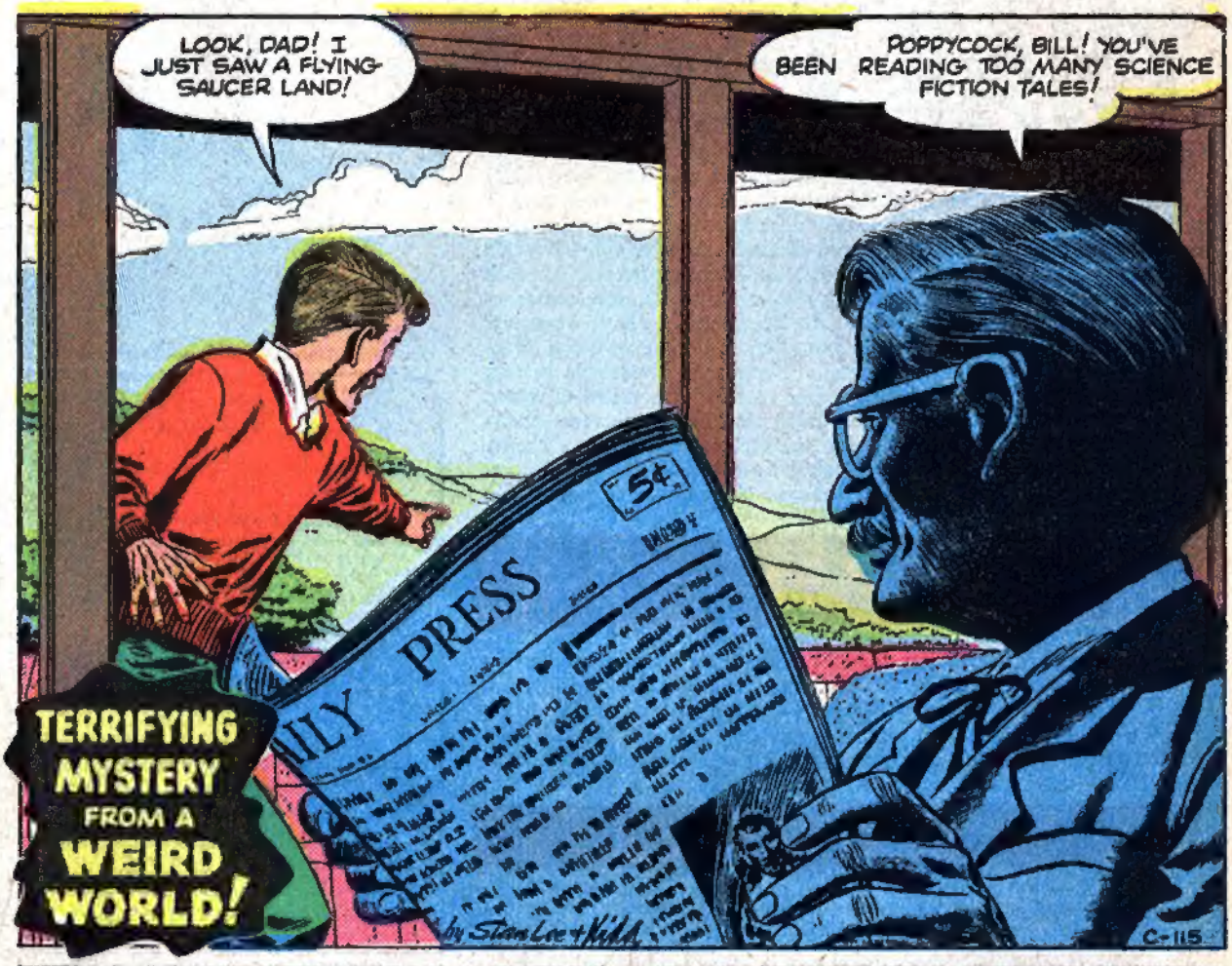
THE MAN FROM MARS!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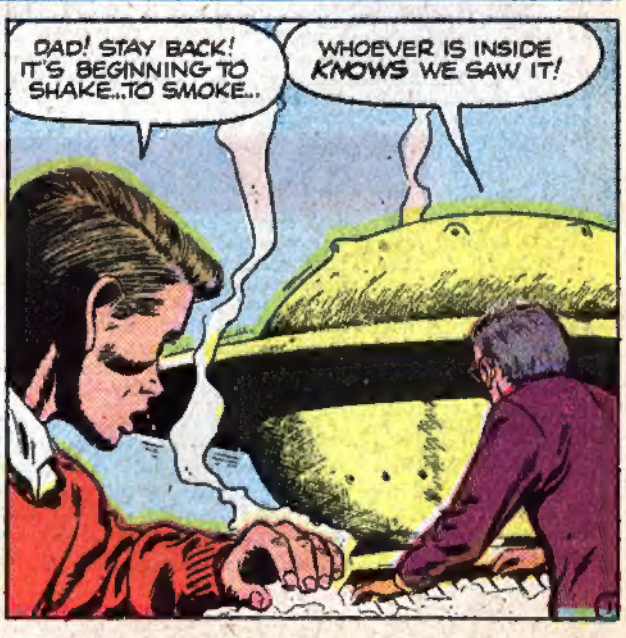
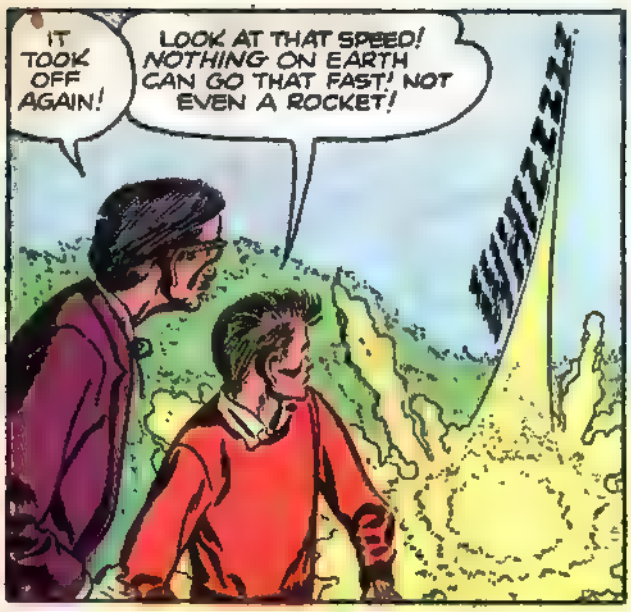
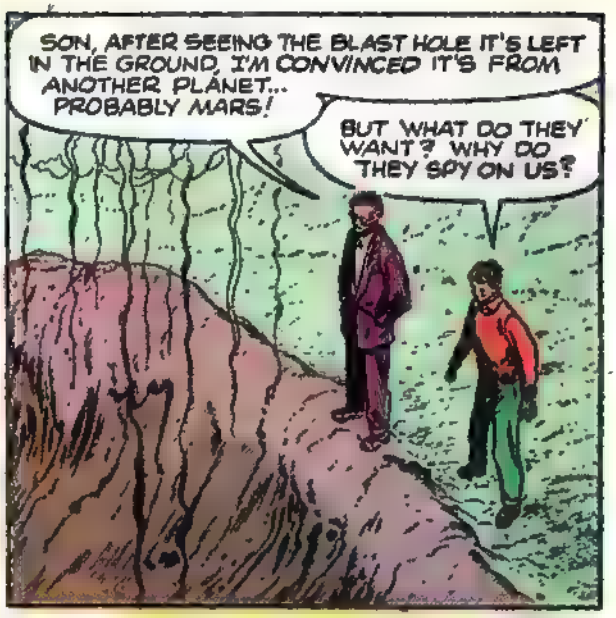
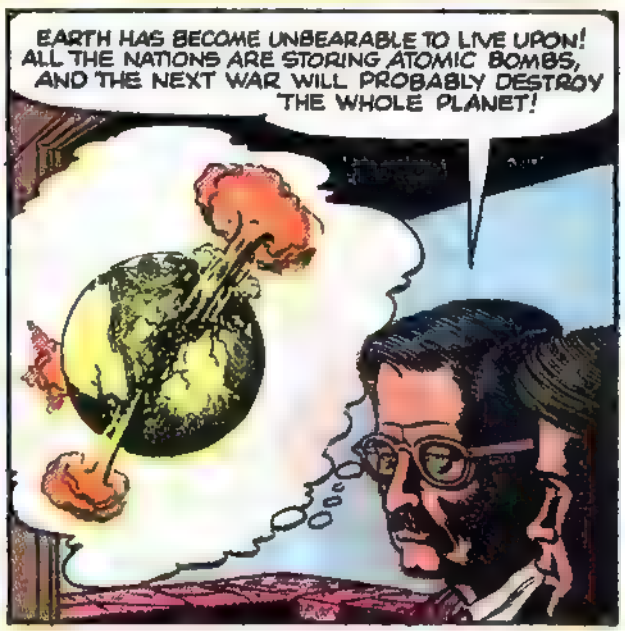


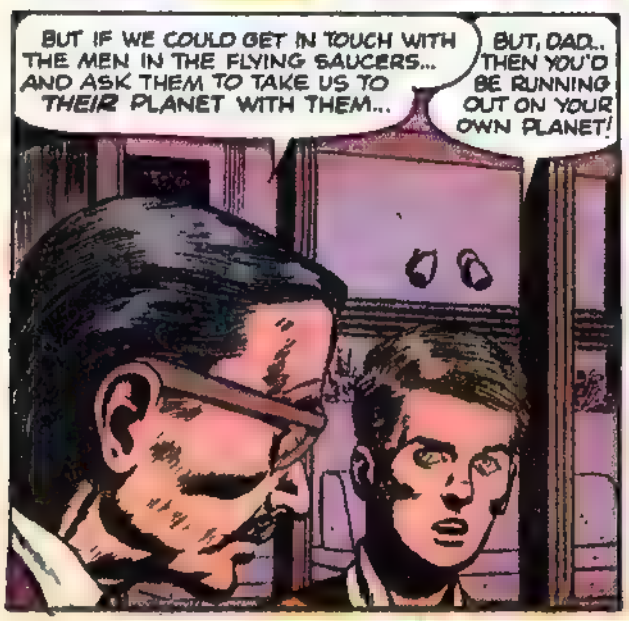

IT TOOK OFF AGAIN!
LOOK AT THAT SPEED! NOTHING ON EARTH CAN GO THAT FAST! NOT EVEN A ROCKET!
WHIZZZZ


SON, AFTER SEEING THE BLAST HOLE IT'S LEFT IN THE GROUND, I'M CONVINCED IT'S FROM ANOTHER PLANET... PROBABLY MARS!
BUT WHAT DO THEY WANT? WHY DO THEY SPY ON US?

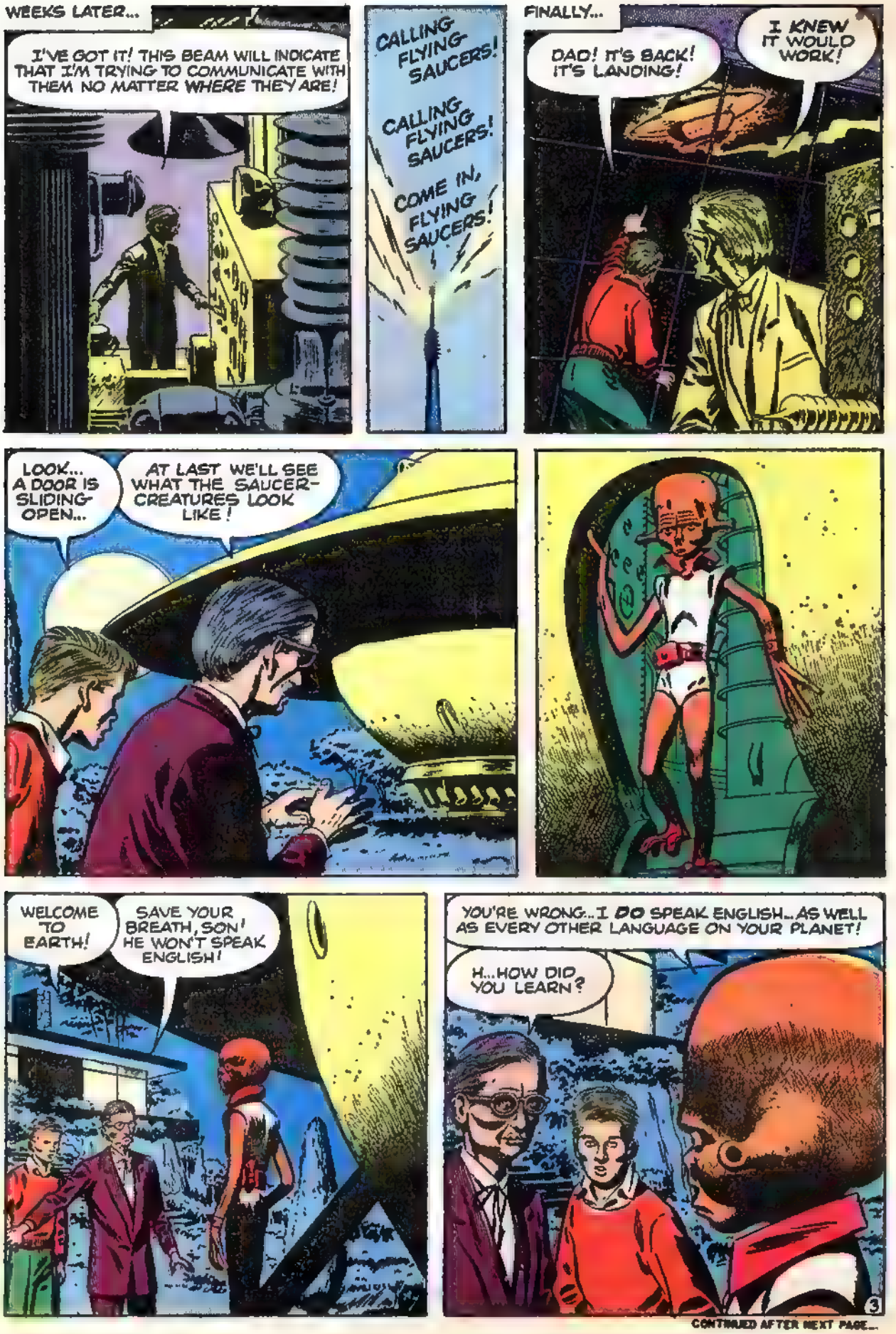
YOU'RE ONE OF THE TOP SCIENTISTS IN THE COUNTRY, DAD.. WHAT'S YOUR THEORY?

JUST A SECOND, SON! I'VE GOT AN IDEA..


EARTH HAS BECOME UNBEARABLE TO LIVE UPON! ALL THE NATIONS ARE STORING ATOMIC BOMBS, AND THE NEXT WAR WILL PROBABLY DESTROY THE WHOLE PLANET!


BUT IF WE COULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE MEN IN THE FLYING SAUCERS... AND ASK THEM TO TAKE US TO THEIR PLANET WITH THEM...
BUT, DAD.. THEN YOU'D BE RUNNING OUT ON YOUR OWN PLANET!

NONSENSE! I'M NOT RUNNING OUT! I JUST WANT US TO GO WHERE IT'S SAFE!
I'M GOING TO START WORKING ON AN ULTRA-SONIC RADIO TRANSMITTER RIGHT NOW... WITH A BEAM THAT WILL ATTRACT THE MEN IN THE SAUCERS!


WEEKS LATER...
I'VE GOT IT! THIS BEAM WILL INDICATE THAT I'M TRYING TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE!
CALLING FLYING SAUCERS!
CALLING FLYING SAUCERS!
COME IN, FLYING SAUCERS!
FINALLY...
DAD! IT'S BACK! IT'S LANDING!
I KNEW IT WOULD WORK!
LOOK... A DOOR IS SLIDING OPEN...
AT LAST WE'LL SEE WHAT THE SAUCER-CREATURES LOOK LIKE!
WELCOME TO EARTH!
SAVE YOUR BREATH, SON! HE WON'T SPEAK ENGLISH!
YOU'RE WRONG...I DO SPEAK ENGLISH...AS WELL AS EVERY OTHER LANGUAGE ON YOUR PLANET!
H...HOW DID YOU LEARN?
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Skinny Girls Don't Have OOMPH!

It takes those extra lbs. of solid flesh to "bring out" your natural curves

If you're otherwise healthy but skinny, scrawny, rundown and lbs. underweight, try correcting this common mistake in eating.

THERE are three essential substances that many thin, scrawny and undernourished girls may fail to get in sufficient quantity from the food they eat. These substances are Vitamin B_1, calcium phosphate and iron. If, like thousands of others, you are underweight without organic cause . . . never seem to gain a pound . . . are so thin that you look gangling and gawky from insufficient amounts of these precious elements, don't get discouraged.

You may find that by correcting this simple mistake in eating you can easily add firm solid flesh . . . extra alluring pounds that help bring out those natural eye-catching curves. A simple and easy way is to try the amazing new product called Numal that supplies, in significant amounts, the Vitamin B_1, calcium phosphate and iron needed in the daily diet. Plus a food that in itself is a great help in adding extra pounds.

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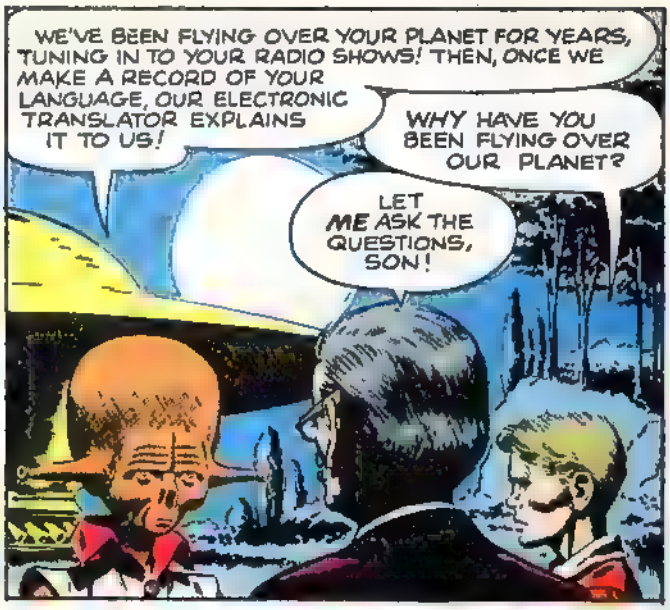
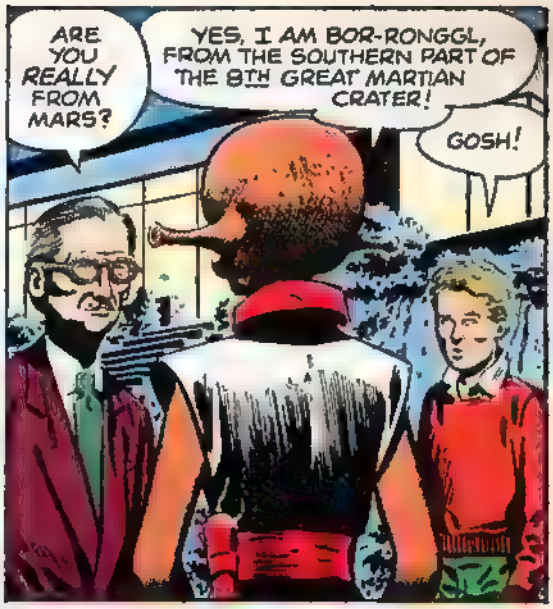
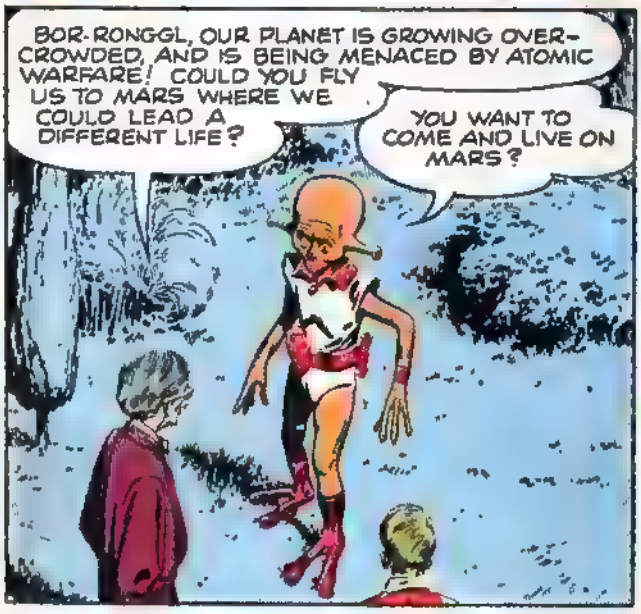
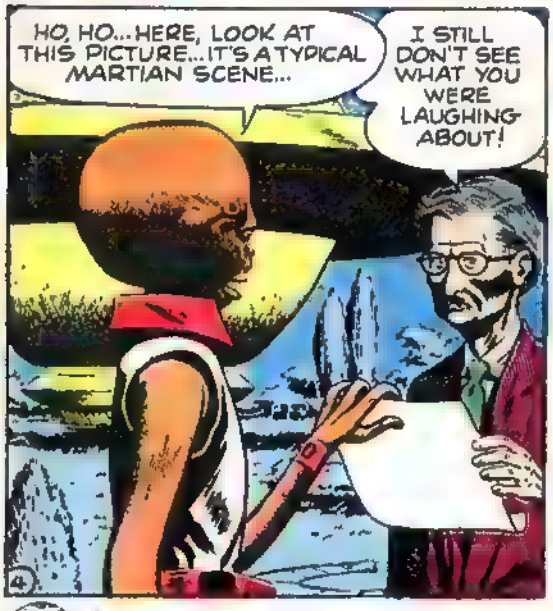
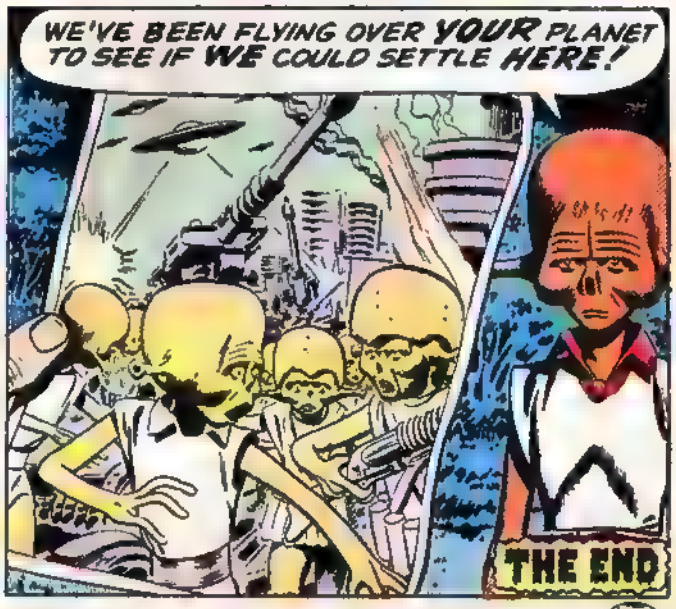

WE'VE BEEN FLYING OVER YOUR PLANET FOR YEARS, TUNING IN TO YOUR RADIO SHOWS! THEN, ONCE WE MAKE A RECORD OF YOUR LANGUAGE, OUR ELECTRONIC TRANSLATOR EXPLAINS IT TO US!
WHY HAVE YOU BEEN FLYING OVER OUR PLANET?
LET ME ASK THE QUESTIONS, SON!




BOR-RONGGL, OUR PLANET IS GROWING OVER-CROWDED, AND IS BEING MENACED BY ATOMIC WARFARE! COULD YOU FLY US TO MARS WHERE WE COULD LEAD A DIFFERENT LIFE?
YOU WANT TO COME AND LIVE ON MARS?





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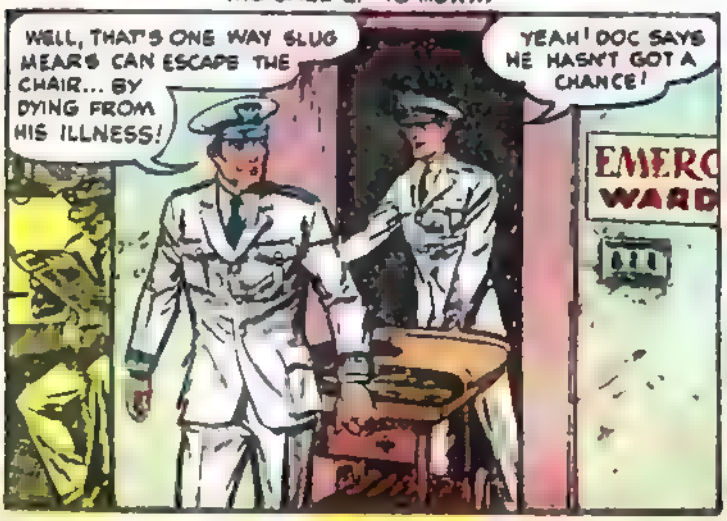


'COURSE, THEY CAN'T EXECUTE A SICK AND DYING MAN, EVEN IF HE IS A DIRTY KILLER, UNTIL HE GETS WELL!
YEAH, IF HE GETS WELL! MEANWHILE, HE STAYS HERE IN THE PRISON HOSPITAL!

TIME, EVEN IN A PRISON HOSPITAL, PASSES! THE SICK, CONDEMNED MURDERER BARELY STIRS! HE'S LIKE A DEAD MAN ALREADY, HIS EYES ARE CLOSED, HIS MOUTH OPENED, AND HIS CHEEKS ARE THIN AND GHASTLY PALE! BUT THERE'S LIFE HERE... BARELY BREATHING... BUT STILL HOPING...

HE OPENS HIS EYES... SLOWLY! THEN, SLOWER STILL, HE MANAGES TO TURN HIS HEAD TOWARD THE ONLY WINDOW! THERE, IN A BED NEAR THE WINDOW, IS ANOTHER PATIENT...

THERE'S... THERE'S SOMEBODY ELSE IN HERE AND... THAT WINDOW... IT AIN'T GOT NO BARS...

HELLO, SLUG...

YUH... YUH KNOW ME, HUH?

SURE I DO! HEARD YOU WERE SICK! FIGURED YOU'D BE HERE! THINK YOU'LL BEAT THE CHAIR, SLUG?

NAH! SOON'S I GET OKAY, I'LL BURN!

BUT I FIGURE TO STAY HERE! EVEN AFTER I GET WELL, I'M GONNA FAKE THAT I'M SICK! WHAT'S OUTSIDE THE WINDOW, PAL?

NOTHING!

HUH?

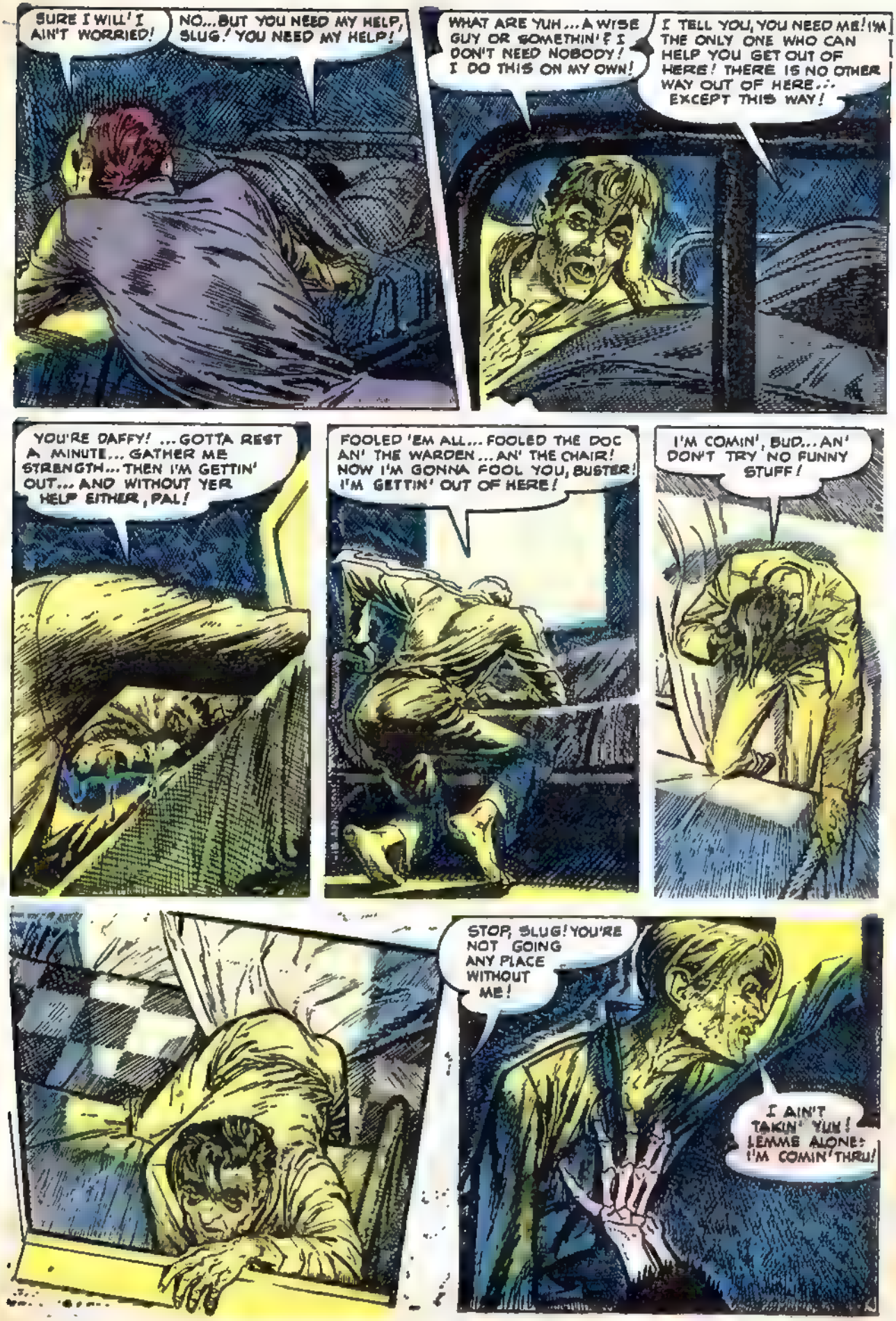
I MEAN THERE'S NOTHING OUT THERE BUT OPEN FIELDS AND MEADOWS! NO WALLS, NO BARS, NO GUARDS! NOTHING AT ALL!

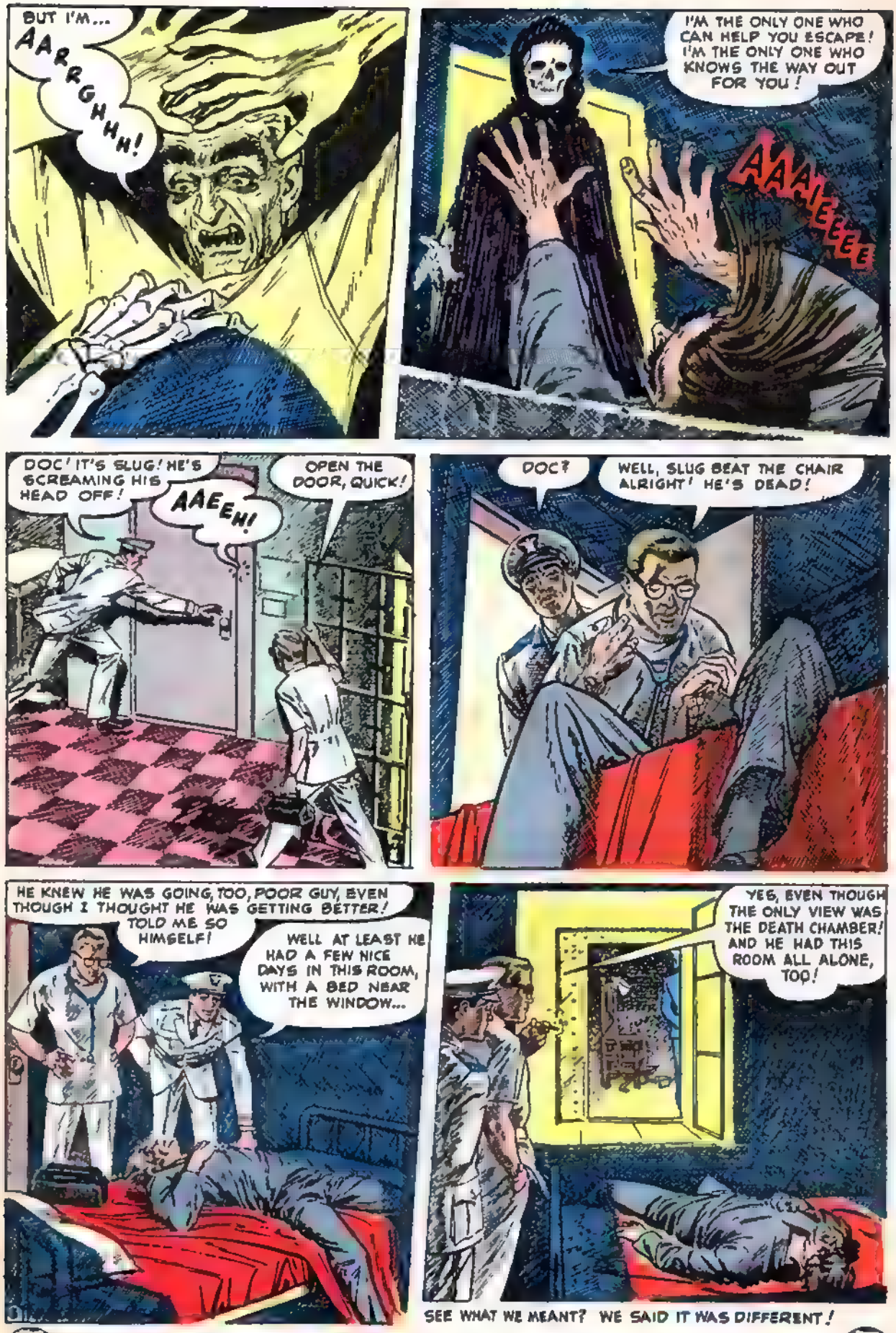
MUST BE OUTSIDE THE PRISON YARD, HUH? MUST FIGURE WE'RE TOO SICK TO TRY TO ESCAPE, HUH? TELL ME MORE WHAT'S OUT THERE, BUD! I'M TOO WEAK YET TO GET UP AN' SEE FOR MESELF!

SURE, SLUG! THE SKY IS BLUE AND FREE! THERE ISN'T A FENCE OR A WALL TO BE SEEN ANYWHERE! IT'S A PLACE OF BEAUTY... REAL BEAUTY!

YEAH, YEAH... TELL ME MORE!

SLUG HAS IDEAS BUT HE'S STILL TOO SICK TO CARRY THEM OUT! SO HE WAITS FOR THE CURE...
HERE'S A NEW MEDICINE FOR YOU, SLUG! MAYBE THIS'LL FIX YOU UP!
NOTHIN' WILL FIX ME UP, DOC! I'M A DYING MAN, I TELL YUH! OOHH!
WELL, I'M AFRAID IT WON'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE EITHER WAY, SLUG! I'LL LOOK IN ON YOU LATER...
YEAH... DO THAT! OWOOO!
THINKS I'M GETTIN' WORSE... BUT I'M GETTIN' BETTER! IN A DAY OR TWO I'LL BE READY TO GO OUT THAT WINDOW!
HEY, PAL!
YES, SLUG?
TELL ME MORE ABOUT WHAT'S OUTSIDE! TELL ME EVERYTHING!
SURE! THERE'S FREEDOM, SLUG! NOT A CARE OR A PAIN! IT'D BE REALLY WONDERFUL OUT THERE FOR YOU!
THANKS, PAL! BY THE WAY I NEVER SEEN YER FACE! YUH MUST BE LIKE ME, HUH? TOO SICK TO MOVE, HUH?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT, SLUG!
SLUG FEELS HIMSELF GETTING STRONGER AND BETTER! THEN AT NIGHT HE DECIDES TO MAKE HIS BREAK...
WHEW... WEAK... BUT I'LL MAKE IT... HOPE... THAT GUY'S... ASLEEP!
DON'T WORRY... YOU'LL GET OUT ALRIGHT, SLUG!


SURE I WILL! I AIN'T WORRIED!
NO...BUT YOU NEED MY HELP, SLUG! YOU NEED MY HELP!
WHAT ARE YUH...A WISE GUY OR SOMETHIN'? I DON'T NEED NOBODY! I DO THIS ON MY OWN!
I TELL YOU, YOU NEED ME! I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP YOU GET OUT OF HERE! THERE IS NO OTHER WAY OUT OF HERE... EXCEPT THIS WAY!
YOU'RE DAFFY! ...GOTTA REST A MINUTE... GATHER ME STRENGTH... THEN I'M GETTIN' OUT... AND WITHOUT YER HELP EITHER, PAL!
FOOLED 'EM ALL... FOOLED THE DOC AN' THE WARDEN... AN' THE CHAIR! NOW I'M GONNA FOOL YOU, BUSTER! I'M GETTIN' OUT OF HERE!
I'M COMIN', BUD... AN' DON'T TRY NO FUNNY STUFF!
STOP, SLUG! YOU'RE NOT GOING ANY PLACE WITHOUT ME!
I AIN'T TAKIN' YUH! LEMME ALONE! I'M COMIN' THRU!


BUT I'M...
AARRGHHH!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP YOU ESCAPE! I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS THE WAY OUT FOR YOU!
AAAIEEEEE
DOC! IT'S SLUG! HE'S SCREAMING HIS HEAD OFF!
AAEEH!
OPEN THE DOOR, QUICK!
DOC?
WELL, SLUG BEAT THE CHAIR ALRIGHT! HE'S DEAD!
HE KNEW HE WAS GOING, TOO, POOR GUY, EVEN THOUGH I THOUGHT HE WAS GETTING BETTER!
TOLD ME SO HIMSELF!
WELL AT LEAST HE HAD A FEW NICE DAYS IN THIS ROOM, WITH A BED NEAR THE WINDOW...
YES, EVEN THOUGH THE ONLY VIEW WAS THE DEATH CHAMBER! AND HE HAD THIS ROOM ALL ALONE, TOO!

SEE WHAT WE MEANT? WE SAID IT WAS DIFFERENT!

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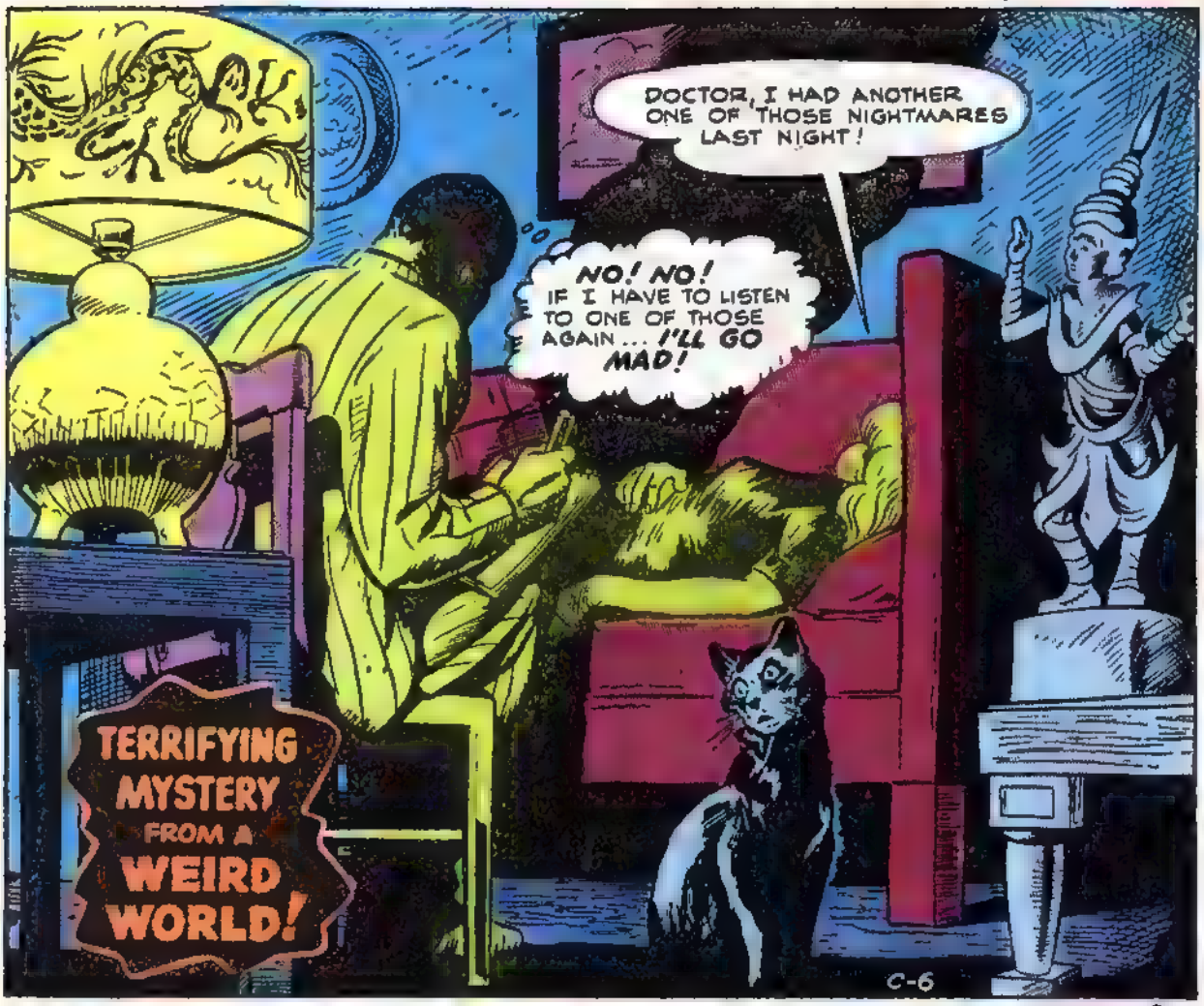
DOCTOR, I HAD ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE NIGHTMARES LAST NIGHT!
NO! NO! IF I HAVE TO LISTEN TO ONE OF THOSE AGAIN... I'LL GO MAD!
TERRIFYING MYSTERY FROM A WEIRD WORLD!
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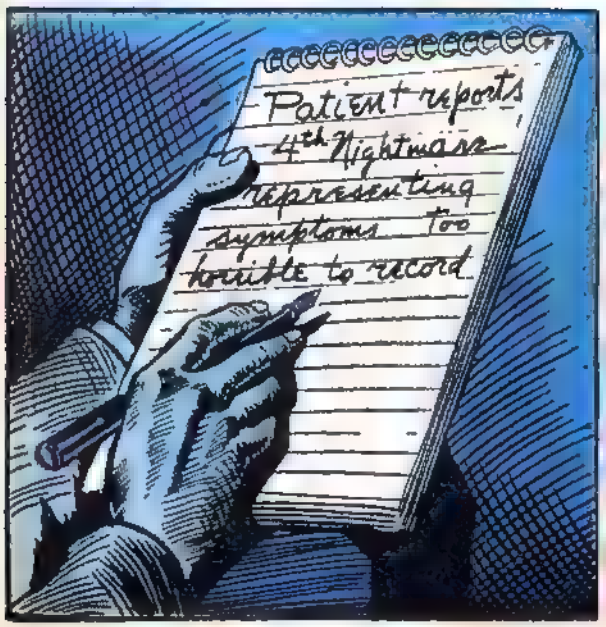
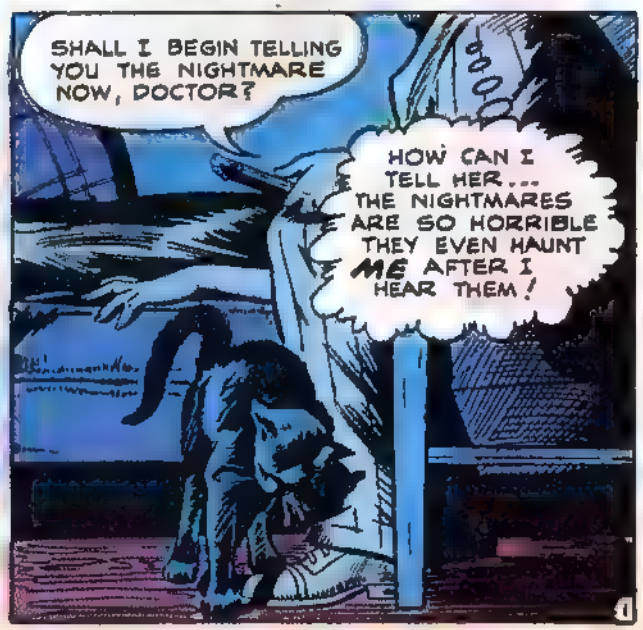
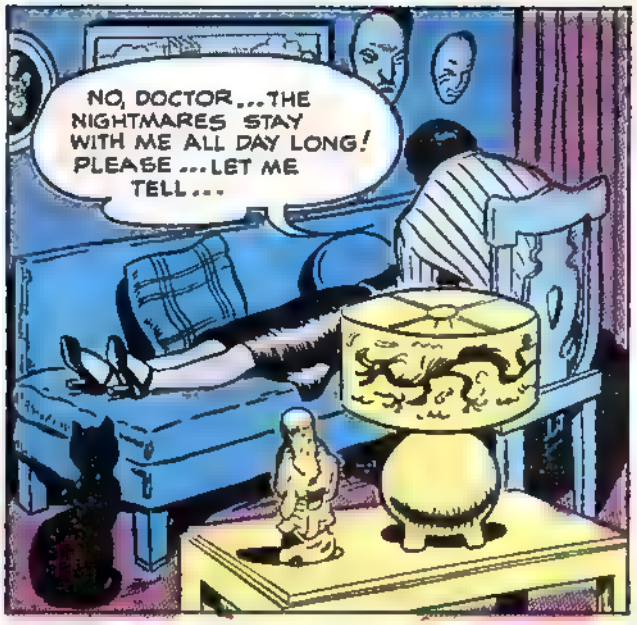
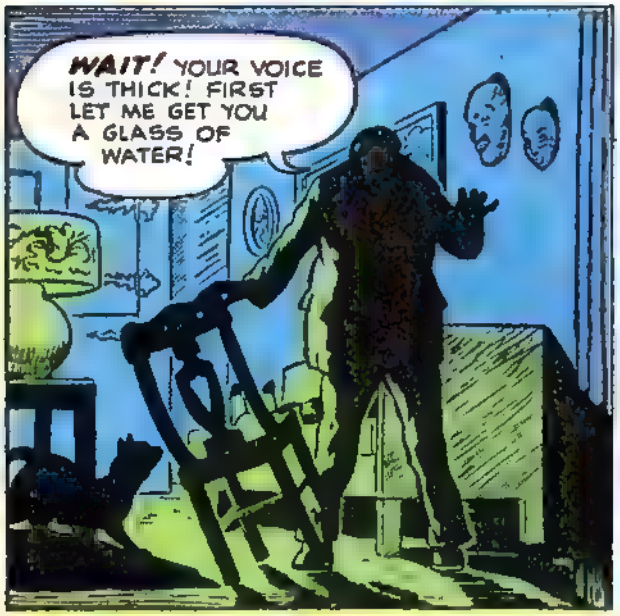
THE NIGHTMARE!




SHALL I BEGIN TELLING YOU THE NIGHTMARE NOW, DOCTOR?
HOW CAN I TELL HER... THE NIGHTMARES ARE SO HORRIBLE THEY EVEN HAUNT ME AFTER I HEAR THEM!

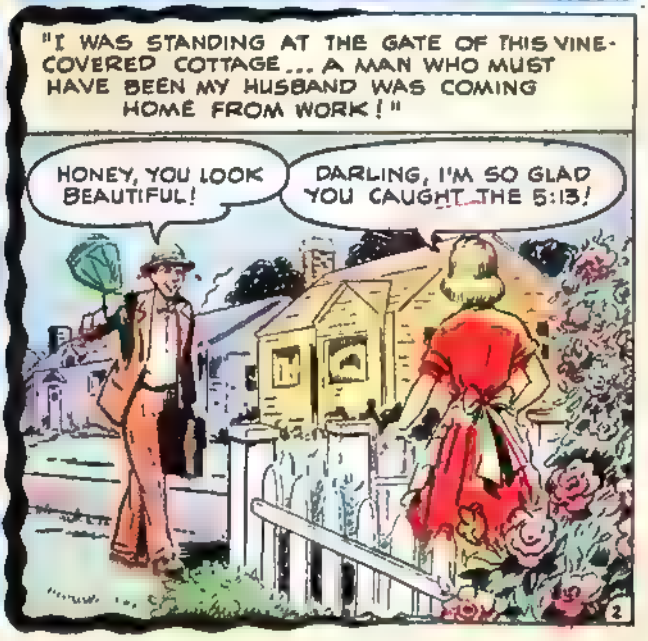
BUT DURING THE DAY... DO YOU FEEL BETTER DURING THE DAY? THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT, YOU KNOW!


NO, DOCTOR...THE NIGHTMARES STAY WITH ME ALL DAY LONG! PLEASE ...LET ME TELL...


WAIT! YOUR VOICE IS THICK! FIRST LET ME GET YOU A GLASS OF WATER!

MY HAND IS TREMBLING...I FEEL NAUSEOUS AT THE THOUGHT OF WHAT I'M GOING TO HEAR... BUT I MUST LET HER TELL IT...IF I AM TO HELP HER... I MUST HEAR HER NIGHTMARE!

THANK YOU FOR THE WATER, DOCTOR...NOW (SIGH!) LET ME TELL YOU MY NIGHTMARE... IT BEGAN THE WAY THEY ALWAYS BEGIN...


"I WAS STANDING AT THE GATE OF THIS VINE-COVERED COTTAGE... A MAN WHO MUST HAVE BEEN MY HUSBAND WAS COMING HOME FROM WORK!"
HONEY, YOU LOOK BEAUTIFUL!
DARLING, I'M SO GLAD YOU CAUGHT THE 5:13!
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"HE TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS..."

I MISSED YOU, SNOOKUMS! I WISH I COULD WORK AT HOME...

A LOT OF WORK YOU'D GET DONE!

"HE PLAYED WITH THE CHILDREN WHILE I SET THE TABLE..."

NOW THIS ONE ON TOP... AND WE HAVE THE TOWER OF LONDON!

BETTER WASH THEM, JOHN! EVERYTHING'S READY!

LEMME BUST IT, DADDY!

"THE WHOLE FAMILY ATE TOGETHER..."

HOW COME I DESERVE THE BEST DARN COOK IN THE WHOLE WORLD... I'LL NEVER KNOW!

THE BUTCHER SAVED THIS STEAK JUST FOR ME... WASN'T THAT SWEET OF HIM?

MORE! MORE!

"THE CHILDREN WENT TO BED... AND WE SAT UP WATCHING TELEVISION! THAT'S HOW THE NIGHTMARE ENDED, DOCTOR!"

HOW AWFUL! YOU'RE BRAVE! VERY BRAVE ... TO BE ABLE TO TELL IT... SO CALMLY!

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AMONG ALL MY PATIENTS, I'VE NEVER HAD ANOTHER WITCH WHO SO WILLINGLY REVEALED AN ABNORMAL DESIRE TO LIVE LIKE A NORMAL HUMAN BEING!

THANK YOU, DOCTOR, YOU'RE THE MOST UNDERSTANDING ZOMBIE OF THEM *ALL!*

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(Complete report on file, copy on request)

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PROOF 3

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—O. M. H., Oklahoma City, Okla.

"Now my hair looks quite thick."
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"Hum-m-m, what?" Gallager queried.

"You see that fellow there in the corner? Watch him get ready for his dinner with that fly perched on the leaf beside him."

The two men watched intently as the spider attacked the fly.

"I've got it. I mean I think I've got the motive," Matthews said softly.

"What's the theory, doc?" Gallager said still watching the spider with a kind of horrible fascination.

"Intimidation. Fear and intimidation. A paralysis of the will," Matthews muttered as though talking to himself.

"I don't know what you're drivin' at, doc."

"I'm not sure either and what I'm thinking at this moment, nobody would believe."

"I don't follow, but I'll keep stickin' close," Gallager said with gruff affection for the man, in three short days, he had come to trust and admire.

In the next week, four more people were found on sidewalks, in dark alleys, along the waterfront sections of the city bearing the familiar bite of the spider.

Fortunately, one of the victims was still alive when Mark Matthews arrived on the scene.

"Hang on, fella. Please hang on. You've got to tell me what happened," Matthews whispered into the dying man's ear.

"I—I don't know how—where it came from," he began, his breath coming in short quick gasps, while Matthews strained to hear his faltering voice. "I was coming home from work. It was late."

"Leave out the details," Matthews pleaded.

"I saw the shadow first. Then I ran right into the web. Next thing . . . next thing, it started crawling toward me. Too frightened to scream. Too scared to yell. It . . it . ."

"Yes, yes," Matthews urged.

"Strong, like metal," he sighed.

"What was like metal," Matthews said excitedly.

"Legs . . . like metal . . . felt like steel bands. Not real. Wasn't real." With these final words, the spider's victim died and Matthews laid his head gently back on the cot.

"At last!" Matthews said,

his face glowing with the anticipation of solution. "Gallager, get ready to go without sleep for a couple of nights. We're going to be the next prey of the "mechanical" spider."

"Got a bite, huh, doc?"

"Not yet, Gallager, not yet. But we will have soon."

Gallager and Matthews dressed themselves in overalls, drank plenty of coffee, and started out on their two-day prowl of the city.

"Whattaya think this is all about, doc?" Gallager questioned on their second night of weary vigilance.

"Sh-h-h!" Matthews cautioned.

"What is it?" Gallager whispered.

"Look to your left." He pointed to a vacant lot enclosed by a tall wooden fence. The giant shadow of the spider fell upon the fence . . .

"Pineapple ready," Matthews asked?

"Ready," Gallager whispered.

Gallager removed the pin from the hand grenade, took careful aim, and tossed it at the spider's head.

The explosion shattered the silence and the sound of metal clanked on the cement.

"Another," Matthews ordered.

"Righto!" Gallager answered with the pin in his teeth. This time the blast exposed the robot spider's inner mechanism. Wire, screws, bolts, and filaments lay in smouldering confusion.

"Well, Gallager, the reign of terror has ended."

"Let's take a look at 'im," Gallager suggested.

The two men walked over to the heap of rubbish that was once an ingeniously constructed instrument of terrible death.

"What's the explanation, doc?" Gallager asked, scratching his head again.

"This is a job for the experts. My own guess is that we've had a visitor, operated by remote control, from another planet. This is not steel. It's some kind of metal I've never seen before and I doubt if any man on *Earth* has seen it before either."

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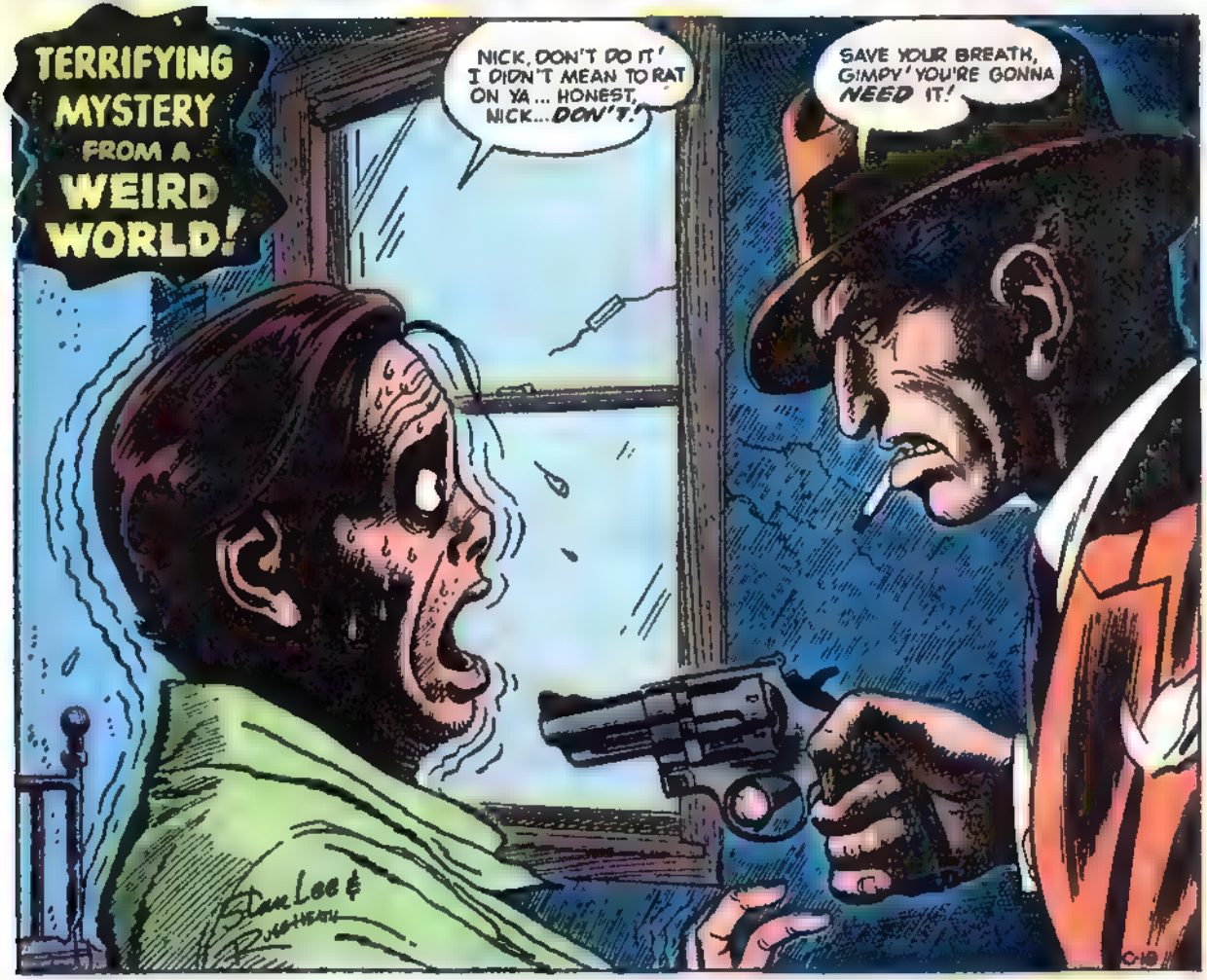
THE GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY!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NICK, DON'T DO IT! I DIDN'T MEAN TO RAT ON YA... HONEST, NICK... DON'T!
SAVE YOUR BREATH, GIMPY! YOU'RE GONNA NEED IT!
Stan Lee & Dick Heath

WHENEVER NICK NEEDED A HIDE-OUT, THE FIRST PLACE HE'D RUN TO WAS BACKSTAGE OF THE GEM THEATRE..
HELLO, NICK WHAT'S WRONG?
PLENTY! YOU DIDN'T SEE ME TONIGHT, JOE! REMEMBER THAT!
DOLLY'S NUMBER IS ALMOST OVER.. I'LL DUCK INTO HER DRESSING ROOM AND WAIT FOR HER THERE!
NICK!
SHUT UP! COME IN AND CLOSE THE DOOR... FAST!
YA GOTTA HIDE ME OUT FOR AWHILE! I'M ON THE LAM!
AGAIN? THIS TIME YOU'RE WASTING YOUR BREATH! I AIN'T RUNNIN' A HOTEL FOR FUGITIVES!
WHEN ARE YOU GONNA GET WISE AND DO WHAT OTHER BIG BOYS DO WHEN THEY'RE IN A JAM?
WHAT'S THAT?
THEY HIRE A MOUTHPIECE WHO CAN GET 'EM OFF THE HOOK, AND THEN THEY LET THE POLICE CATCH THEM!
THAT SOUNDS OKAY! DO YOU KNOW ANY LAWYERS WHO ARE THAT GOOD?
15 MINUTES LATER, NICK RICO AND DOLLY LA MOOR WERE IN THE OFFICE OF BENEDICT BOSWELL, THE FAMOUS CRIMINAL LAWYER..
IN CASE I GET NAILED WITH A MURDER RAP, CAN YOU DO ME ANY GOOD?
DON'T WORRY, NICK.. I'VE NEVER LOST A CASE YET!
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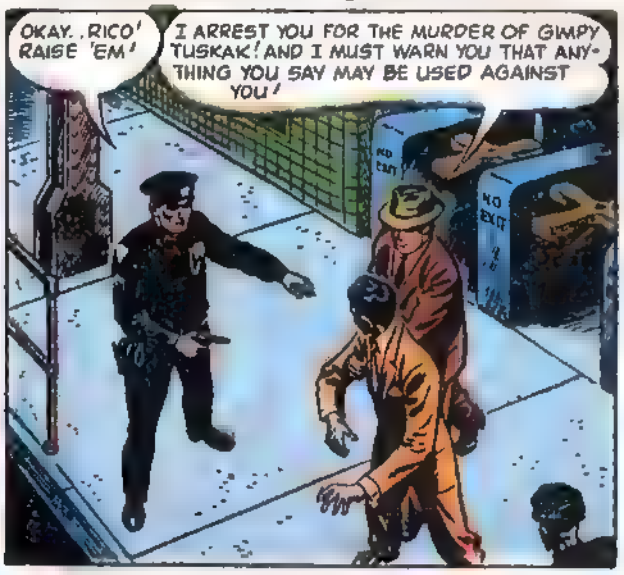
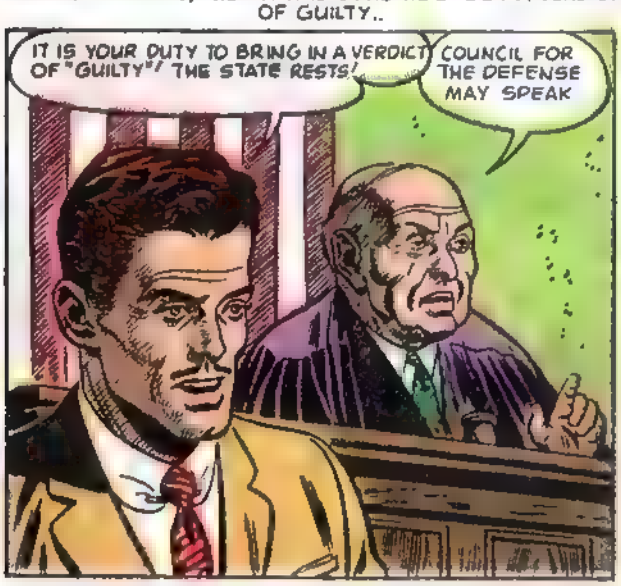
REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF TROUBLE YOU'RE IN, DON'T TRY TO GET OUT OF IT BY YOURSELF...JUST CALL ME AND I'LL HANDLE EVERYTHING!
ISN'T HE WONDERFUL? AND HE'S NEVER LOST A CASE!
YEAH. I'M GONNA LIKE HIM JUST FINE!

IT DEVELOPED THAT NICK RICO NEEDED A LAWYER SOONER THAN HE THOUGHT! FOR EXACTLY 18 MINUTES LATER.


OKAY..RICO! RAISE 'EM!
I ARREST YOU FOR THE MURDER OF GIMPY TUSKAK! AND I MUST WARN YOU THAT ANYTHING YOU SAY MAY BE USED AGAINST YOU!
NO EXIT
NO EXIT

YOU GUYS ARE CRAZY! YOU GOT THE WRONG MAN!
OH, YEAH... TUSKAK PUT THE FINGER ON YOU A YEAR AGO.. YOU SWORE YOU'D KILL HIM!
AND YOU WERE SEEN ON HIS BLOCK TONIGHT!
WE GOT THE GOOOS ON YOU ALL RIGHT!

DURING THE TRIAL, THE D'A WAS SURE HE'D GET A VERDICT OF GUILTY..



THOSE WHO WERE IN THE COURTROOM THAT DAY WERE PRIVILEGED TO HEAR THE MOST IMPASSIONED SPEECH EVER DELIVERED AT A MURDER TRIAL...

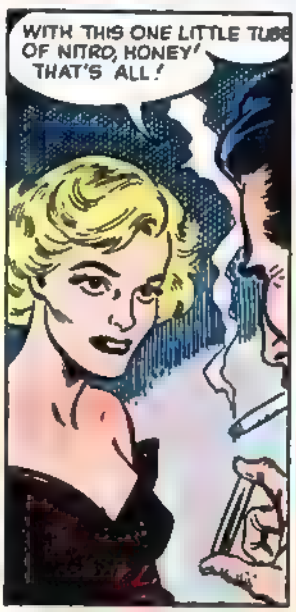
AND BENEDICT BOSWELL WAS *RIGHT*...

IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED, NICK RICO WAS ARRESTED EIGHT TIMES...

AND EIGHT TIMES HE HEARD A JURY SAY

FINALLY, A YEAR LATER, NICK PULLED HIS BIGGEST CAPER...

SEE THAT BIG, BALDHEADED GUY OVER THERE? THAT'S "CURLY" GROGAN! HE AND HIS MOB RUN HALF THE RACKETS IN THIS TOWN! IF I CAN RUB 'EM OUT, I'LL HAVE THIS BURG EATIN' OUT OF MY HAND!
HOW CAN YOU PUT A GANG OF TWELVE MEN ON THE SPOT, NICK?



NICK, HOW COME YOU TRUST BEN SO MUCH? HOW DO YOU KNOW HE WON'T EVER DOUBLE-CROSS YOU?
HE WOULDN'T DARE! HE KNOWS MY BOYS GOT ORDERS TO PLUG HIM IF HE EVER LOSES A CASE FOR ME!

WELL, G'NIGHT, NICK! I GOTTA GO HOME AND GET SOME SLEEP FOR MY SHOW TOMORROW!
WAIT A MINUTE! NOBODY LEAVES NICK RICO TILL HE TELLS 'EM TO! SIT THERE TILL I DECIDE I'M THRU WITH YA!

I HATE HIM I HATE HIM! IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY I COULD FREE MYSELF OF HIM! I HOPED I COULD MAKE BEN LET HIM LOSE A CASE, BUT BEN WOULDN'T DARE! WHAT CAN I DO? HOW CAN I GET RID OF HIM?

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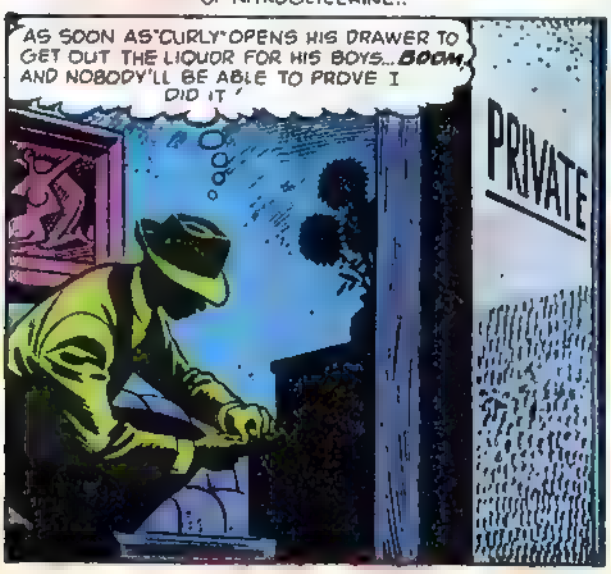
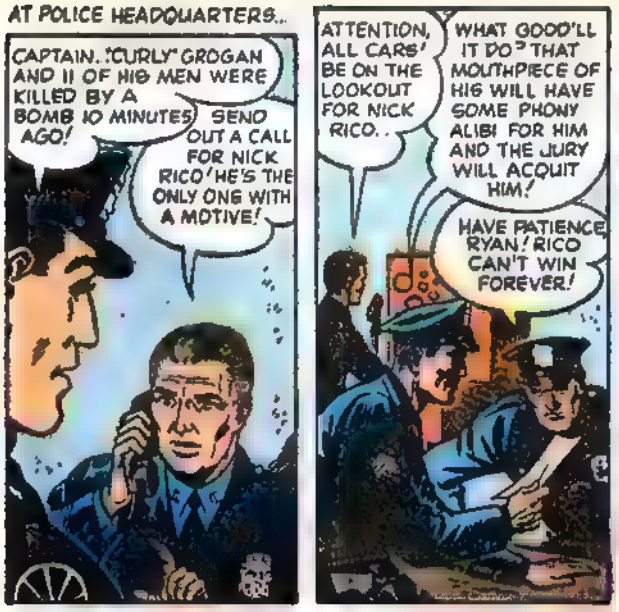
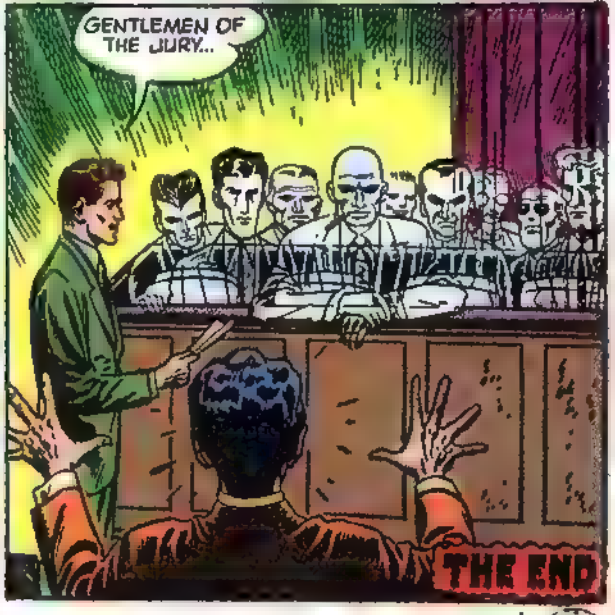


NICK'S PLAN BORE FRUIT.


AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS..
CAPTAIN..."CURLY" GROGAN AND 11 OF HIS MEN WERE KILLED BY A BOMB 10 MINUTES AGO!
SEND OUT A CALL FOR NICK RICO! HE'S THE ONLY ONE WITH A MOTIVE!
ATTENTION, ALL CARS! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR NICK RICO..
WHAT GOOD'LL IT DO? THAT MOUTHPIECE OF HIS WILL HAVE SOME PHONY ALIBI FOR HIM AND THE JURY WILL ACQUIT HIM!
HAVE PATIENCE RYAN! RICO CAN'T WIN FOREVER!

AND AS THE POLICE WERE BUSY APPREHENDING NICK RICO, DOLLY LA MOOR WAS FINISHING A STRANGE RITE IN HER APARTMENT..
POWERS OF DARKNESS AND FEAR, GRANT THE REQUEST THAT YOU HEAR..

HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT WHAT DOLLY'S REQUEST WAS? WAIT... DON'T LOOK AHEAD YET...YOU'LL SEE IN A MINUTE! ANYWAY, YOU CAN BE SURE THAT THE DEVIL GRANTED IT...AND ON THE DAY OF THE TRIAL...
RELAX, NICK! YOU HAVEN'T GOT A THING TO WORRY ABOUT!
YOU BETTER BE RIGHT, BEN...FOR YOUR SAKE!
THE TRIAL'S READY TO BEGIN! HERE COMES THE JURY!



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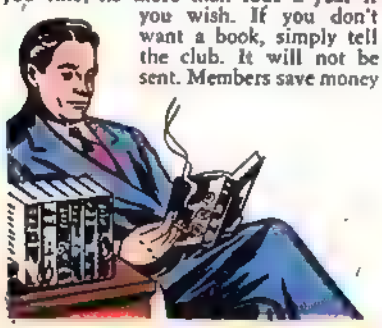

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BOY! IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG. WHAT A BUILD. NOW I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT BULLY.
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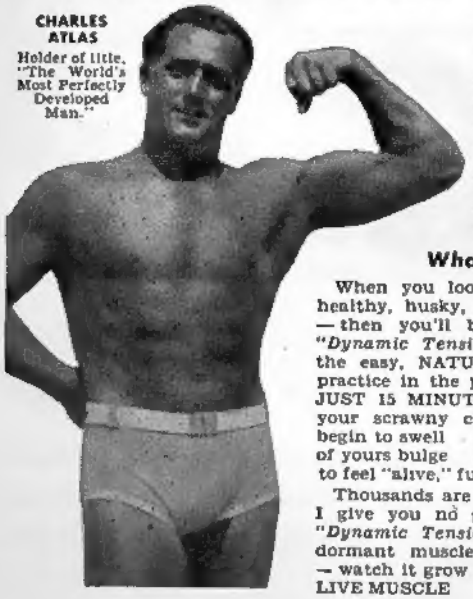

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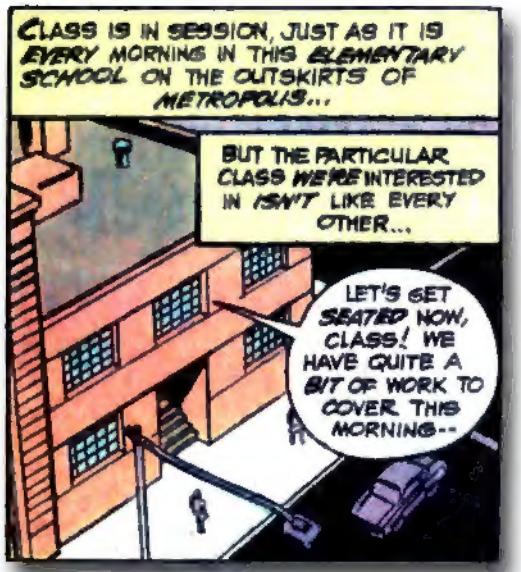
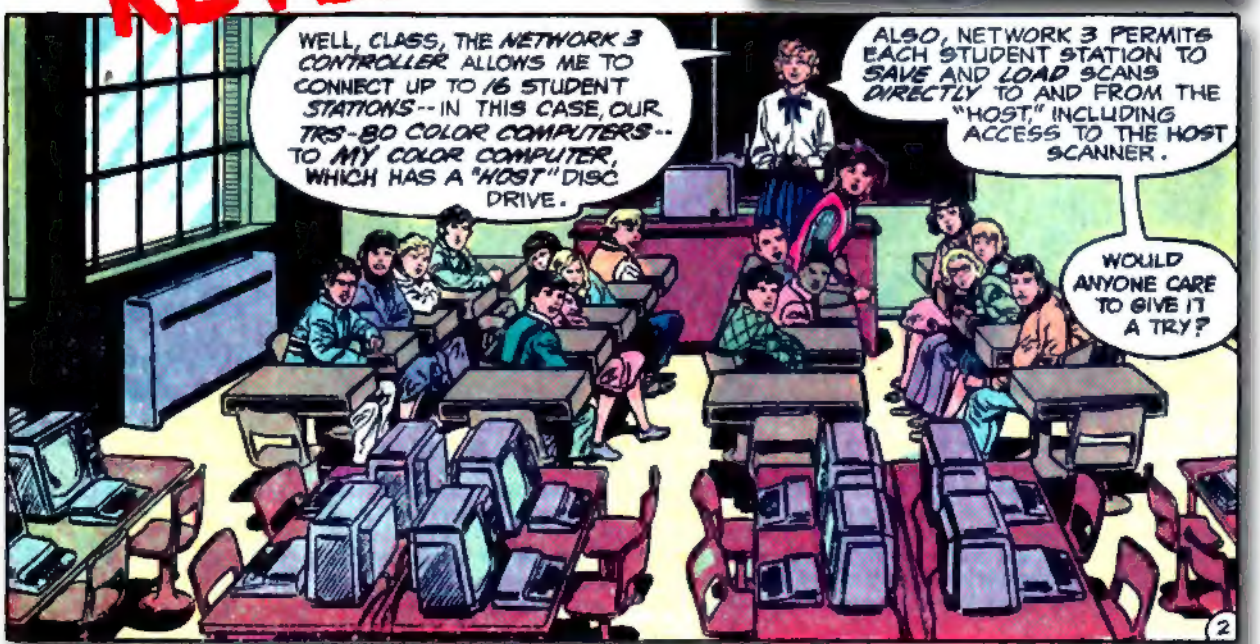

CLASS IS IN SESSION, JUST AS IT IS EVERY MORNING IN THIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF METROPOLIS...
BUT THE PARTICULAR CLASS WE'RE INTERESTED IN ISN'T LIKE EVERY OTHER...
LET'S GET SEATED NOW, CLASS! WE HAVE QUITE A BIT OF WORK TO COVER THIS MORNING--


WELL, CLASS, THE NETWORK 3 CONTROLLER ALLOWS ME TO CONNECT UP TO 16 STUDENT STATIONS -- IN THIS CASE, OUR TRS-80 COLOR COMPUTERS -- TO MY COLOR COMPUTER, WHICH HAS A "HOST" DISC DRIVE.
ALSO, NETWORK 3 PERMITS EACH STUDENT STATION TO SAVE AND LOAD SCANS DIRECTLY TO AND FROM THE "HOST," INCLUDING ACCESS TO THE HOST SCANNER.
WOULD ANYONE CARE TO GIVE IT A TRY?
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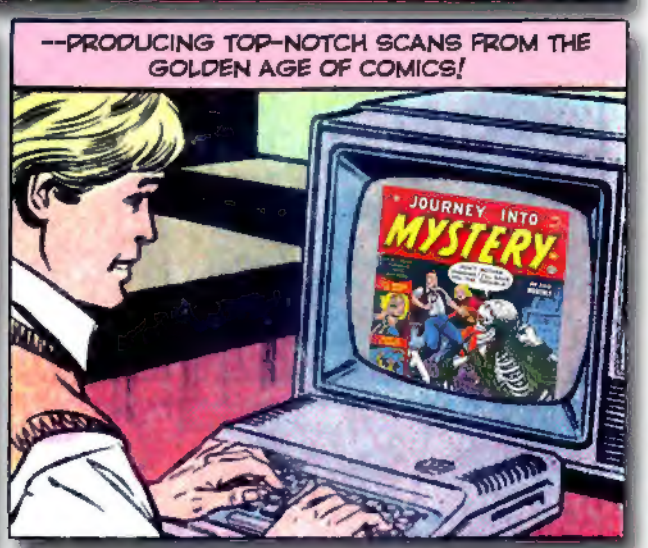
ALL RIGHT, LET'S SWITCH ON OUR COMPUTERS AND GET STARTED.
AND SO, FOR THE NEXT HOUR, THERE IS SILENCE IN THE CLASS-ROOM AS THE SIXTH-GRADERS APPLY THEMSELVES TO THE TASK AT HAND--



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